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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Sakae MATSUMOTO et al.

Appln. No.: 09/936,564

Group Art Unit: 3682

Filed: September 14, 2001

Examiner: B. Van Pelt

For: COUPLING STRUCTURE OF EXTENSIBLE SHAFTS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

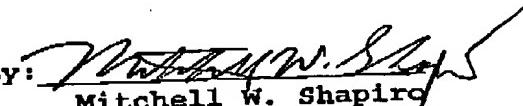
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by three months. The required petition fee for a large entity is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

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